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Bible Study #9 WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

One of the great teachings of the Bible is that Jesus left His work & ministry in the hands of regular folks like you & me, assembled together in local churches. The Greek word for "church" indicates people called out of the world, and into a local assembly of believers.

Sometimes you may hear the claim: "I don't need a church; my relationship with God is a private affair." As you will see in this lesson, such a claim goes against the teachings of the Bible.

Let's begin by memorizing Acts 2:42:

AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY IN THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE AND FELLOWSHIP, IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD, AND IN PRAYER.

In this lesson, you will learn:

- The importance of worship in church life.
- The importance of fellowship in church life.

When you answer these questions, do not simply copy the verse, but use your own words.

One important means of growing in the Christian faith is to WORSHIP.

1. What kind of worshipers does God seek?		
(John 4:23)		
2. How often should we offer praise to God?		
(Psalm 34:1)		

Two important means of worship are baptism and the Lord's Supper.

<u>Baptism</u> is the sign that believers give to the world about the importance of our personal relationships with Jesus Christ.

3. What did Jesus command His disciples regarding baptism? (Matthew 28:19-20)	
Baptism normally occurs only once in a believer's life, but the <u>Lord's Supper</u> (also known as communion) offers us a way to worship God on a regular basis (e. g., monthly, weekly, quarterly, etc.).	
Read the 13 th chapter of John's Gospel to learn more about the last meal Jesus shared with His followers.	
4. What new commandment did Jesus give His friends at this time? (John 13:34)	
5. What is the main purpose of participating regularly in the Lord's Supper?	
(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)	
Remembering Jesus means more than simply thinking about Him; it also means that we should live like Him.	
Another important means of growing in the Christian faith is FELLOWSHIP.	
6. What are four fundamental elements of the Christian church?	
(Acts 2:42)	
"Doctrine" refers to the teaching of God's Word as found in the Bible.	
7. How much of God's Word should we expect to learn in a healthy local church?	
(Acts 20-27)	

8. By what methods is the Word of God to be taught? (Isaiah 28:13)
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(Nehemiah 8:8)
9. What is the purpose of fellowship with other believers? (Hebrews 10:24-25)
Corporate prayer (when we pray together as a body of believers) is another vital element of Christian fellowship.
10. What did Paul exhort the Philippian church regarding prayer? (Philippians 4:6)
11. What did Paul exhort the Colossian church regarding prayer? (Colossians 4:2)
From memory, write out your memory verse from page 1.
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